

He makes much progress by acquainting himself with the spiritual way of life. His growth extends as far as his arms can reach. While the arm of the past still clutches at his self-imposed restrictions, the arm of his future is grasping for the higher alternative. It is only his failure to let go completely that prevents him from achieving the perfect transition into the full state of higher mind. Yet, he does reach the point that he occasionally sees it.

From time to time his remarkable intuition reveals to him the mysterious essence of life, yet the past incarnation memories of his Virgoan practicality cause doubt at every point. And so, half way between one world and another, these mutable Nodes are in a constant state of change.

Arriving at his destination but not sure that he is there, he keeps going back to start his journey again. Each time he reaches one step more into the infinite, where ultimately he will dissolve the shackles of his rigidly formed past and be born again as pure Spirit.

The house position of the South Node indicates the area in life that is still too rigidly embedded in a personally overstructured idea. The house position of the North Node shows how the soul can renounce its grip on all rigid definition of form and structure so that it can be free to swim in the Ocean of God.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE NODES THROUGH THE HOUSES

FIRST HOUSE NORTH NODE—SEVENTH HOUSE SOUTH NODE

This individual is here to go through experiences which challenge the self. In former incarnations he fell into the trap of depending upon undependable people.

Spending too much time trying to help others understand themselves, he never stopped to reflect on how their same situations and circumstances played an important role in his own identity. As a result of putting the accent outside the self, it now becomes difficult for him to see who he really is. This is particularly strong if Neptune is found near the Ascendant.

These Nodes indicate past incarnations in which the individual submerged his identity in the affairs of others. Marriage and partnerships are so deeply rooted in his way of doing things that his quest of self is constantly viewed through other people's eyes. He therefore allows their thoughts and opinions of him to influence his own sense of identity.

Ultimately he must come out of the bondage of trying to be all things to all people and in the light of his own singular vibration, establish who he really is. He must escape from living in the shadow of other people's lives.

His soul memories of cooperation and teamwork